



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 1/20/12

Meeting Location: Clark County DCS

Council Members Present

John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager
Joan Kelley, Scott County DCS Director
Patrick Brown, Clark County DCS Director
Jim Miller, Harrison County DCS Director
Rico Rosado, Floyd County DCS Director
Myra Albertson, Washington County Probation
Debbie Ponder, FCM Washington County DCS
Jennifer Buchanan, FCM Supervisor, Scott County DCS
Lois Nugent, FCM Clark County DCS

Others in attendance

Steve Adams, DCS Regional Finance Manager
Kristin Obermeyer, DCS Regional Services Coordinator
Leah Pezzarossi, Floyd County Youth Services Bureau
Lynne Wisneski, Resolute
T.J. Brink, Southwest Youth Village
Meribeth Adams-Wolf, Our Place
Rebecca Bare, Centerstone
Stephanie Stone, Home of the Innocents
Donna Russow, Family & Children's Place
Jana Kixmiller, LifeSpring
Sheryl Dans, PACT-Hoosier Hills
Romin Carey, New Hope Services
Norm Smith, Wernle
Angie Olson, New Hope Services
Tara Meachum, New Hope Services
Michelle Riggs, Centerstone
Gabriella Brown, Wellstone
Mike Fry, Wellstone
Portia Stanton, Centerstone
Brian Davis, Child Place
Angela Ray, Family Time
Meara Grannan, New Hope Services

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager

I. Introductions/Approval of Minutes

John Kaiser welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with introductions. Motion made by Pat Brown to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Jim Miller. No corrections, all were in favor, minutes were approved as read.

II. Finance Report

Steve Adams, Region 18 Finance Manager distributed the budget to the council, he noted that we are operating at 49% spent of our budget. The net costs have gone down since the spike of August. The biggest costs are from institutional placements. There were no questions from the council from Steve.

III. Community Partners

Tara Meachum, CAPS Supervisor (sitting in for Rosie Morehous) distributed to the council the report on Region 18's CAPS program. She reported that everything is on target for the second quarter. She reviewed the goals and noted that Goal #6 is still a concern. They do have a couple of ideas as to why this isn't being met. The assessment is being done at the 8th visit and not at the end of services. At the beginning of an assessment the parents are giving the "right" answer to make a good impression and then at the follow up assessments they are giving more truthful answers. The CAPS program is trying the implementation of a 3rd and final inventory to improve the outcome. Also staff are receiving increased training on implementation of assessments to encourage client comfort at the initial administration. They also plan to discuss with other regions their outcomes.

She then reviewed the referral types and where the referrals came from.

John Kaiser asked in regards to Public Aid Resourcing which one we are hitting the most Tanf, FS or Medicaid. Tara noted that usually Tanf, FS and Medicaid are lumped together, but they also do disability, frequents needs of the family and resources. There were no questions from the Council regarding the CAPS program.

IV. Biennial Strategic Plan

Kristin Obermeyer outgoing Regional Service Coordinator informed the council that over the course of 2011 there was a Biennial Strategic Planning Work Group that met to evaluate the current services available, which service needs could be addressed and what service needs are most important to address first. This plan is complete and will be posted to the DCS website publically in April. There was an action plan that the work group worked on and developed to help address the primary goal which is related to substance abuse issues. She noted that inside section 4 of the document is specific to the service array and in that has the outlined action plan and identified unmet needs. Also included is the summary of work group efforts. Also included in section 2 is the Child Protection plan where public testimony was taken for that portion. The overall document has 5 sections including 1. Overview & Description; 2. Child Protection Plan; 3. Child Protection Plan Appendix; 4. Service Array and 5. Service Standards.

Joan Kelley asked if the plan will be updated with the new service standards, the plan still shows the July service standard date. Kristen indicated that it would not be updated on the plan specifically because the plan was put together over the course of 2011, but they are updated on the web. John Kaiser noted that substance abuse seems to touch

so many of the cases we deal with everyday and it was decided by the work group this is what we will put our focus on this year. Pat Brown made a motion to accept the plan, seconded by Debbie Ponder, all were in favor, motion passed.

V. New RFP for 2012

There has been a request sent to post an RFP for Home-based Services including Home-based Therapy, Home-based Casework and Homemaker/Parent Aide Services to the website. It has not yet been posted and they are anticipating only posting Regional RFP's twice a year (January & July) unless there is a service crisis identified. Kristen is not sure she got the posting in to central office in time to post for January, so it may not post until July. If the Service Council identifies this as a critical need to push it through sooner.

Kristen announced that she is transition in a new role within DCS and her position has been posted. In the meantime contact Melinda Wright. If providers have questions concerning billings they may e-mail DCS Payment Research and if providers have referral questions that can't be handled locally you can email the DCS Referral inbox.

VI. Other Business

John Kaiser mentioned that end of this month or the first of February he will sit down with the Prevention Committee and take a look at the prevention programs. They will likely extend most of those and we are getting some additional funding this year. The New Hope website will post any requests for proposals for prevention programming.

Joan Kelly reminded everyone that the Child Abuse Prevention Conference is Saturday, March the 17th at Graceland Baptist Church in New Albany. Terry Hall will be the keynote speaker and going to talk about child sex abuse and being victimize twice, once by the perpetrator and second by the process of the system. The other training that is going on is the Facilitator Training for the Darkness to Light Program. The grant allows for 15 people to be trained and this will be on February 9th at the Scottsburg Life Long Learning Center from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., there are three slots left. Please contact the coordinator Lisa Kiser at 812-752-4784

John informed everyone that the filling of the Washington County Director's position should be announced in the next couple of weeks. If anyone has concerns regarding Washington County they can either call John or Rico Rosado who has been covering Washington County. He also commented on the new computer program DCS being delayed until July. He also explained that the Permanency Round Table concept will identify kids that are stuck on our system and expects to see progress in this around June in our region.

Angela Ray has a question and some announcements. Angela asked if providers could receive an e-mail when the prevention proposals are posted to the New Hope website. John indicated that Teri Lyles will send the e-mail when posted.

Angela informed everyone that the Fatherhood engagement program is started December 1st. They have received 13 referrals since December 1st.

She reminded the providers that the Indiana coalition of family based services group will meet on March 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the DCS office on Keystone. The local group will meet at April 3rd at 9:30 at the CASI building. See Angela for more information or directions. The tentative date for the quarterly provider meeting put on by DCS is March 12th or 13th.

She reminded the supervisors & directors that for a provider to bill for court they are to include a copy of the subpoena and if they have more than one court billing in one day you need a referral id number. The Judges Round Table Meeting (Vicki Carmichael's meeting) is on February 24th at 11:30 a.m. at the detention center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 16th, 2012 at the
Clark County DCS Office, 1421 Youngstown Shopping Center, Jeffersonville, In 47130.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Teri Lyles, Administrative Secretary